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Border Patrol Agents Seize 520 Pounds of Marijuana
Vehicle Stacked with Bundles of Narcotics

CHULA VISTA, Calif. - Border Patrol agents working in Temecula yesterday afternoon seized more than 520 pounds of marijuana in a mini-van. The marijuana has an estimated value of over \$390,000.

The agents were traveling on Pechanga Parkway at approximately 4:45 p.m. when they noticed a suspicious vehicle. After following the 1996 Nissan mini-van for more than a mile, their suspicions were aroused by the increasingly nervous actions of the driver and front seat passenger. Agents stopped the heavily loaded vehicle near the intersection of Pechanga Parkway and Old Highway 395. Numerous bundles of marijuana that filled the rear of the vehicle were visible through the side windows despite the attempts to conceal them with a small blanket.

Border Patrol agents arrested two male suspects, both citizens of Mexico, along with the vehicle and evidence. The suspects, vehicle and the marijuana were turned over to the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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